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Your Kamloops Garden Club Newsletter

Next meeting: November 25, 2026

NEW LOCATION THIS MONTH: Parkview Centre - 500 McDonald Ave
Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm

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October's Meeting: We saw 30 members, and welcomed new member, Leianne Anderson!



For the floral arrangement competition, we saw a floral and leafy witches hat creation and beautiful flowers to celebrate the autumn and Hallowe'en season!
We had some fun Halloween themed games a few giggles and winners!

Fist Prize: Dorothy with her fabulous Hallowe'en hat creation
Second and
Third Prizes: Lorna, for her lovely Snapdragons and mini vase:

Roz was the Hallowe'en Trivia winner of a solar pumpkin garden decoration!





IMPORTANT Next Meeting News:

Once again, due to the City taking Heritage House for the Christmas Market we had to find new locations for the next three events:

- **The Wreath/ Arrangement Workshop:** Sunday **November 22**, 1-4 pm, at The Hal Rogers Centre, 2025 Summit Dr.

Get creative and celebrate the season by making your own holiday décor!

Create a:

- Wreath
- Planter
- Centrepiece
- Any other seasonal decoration of your choice
- Bring Along:
  - Greenery and natural materials
  - Pine cones and decorative items
  - Glue gun and tools- clippers, gloves, pliers..
  - Floral picks or wire
  - A container, base, or form for your project



- **Club Meeting:** Wednesday, **November 25,** 7 pm, will be held at **Parkview Activity Centre,** at 500 McDonald Ave.

• **Door Greeter**	• **Need Volunteer- 630 pm- for November**

***Please come for 630 and welcome people into the meeting at Parkview Centre this month. Contact Myles at karmageddon14@gmail.com or 587 377 2228.
Keep our regular greeter, Ruth in your thoughts while recovering from surgery.

- Carol W and Roni Sue are not attending the meeting this month
- Speaker Mike Dedels, from BC Grasslands- He will be presenting on native and invasive plants!
- Fill out Board nominations (Get a nomination sheet at the meeting or print your own and fill in your nominations)
- Fill out snack sheet for next year's meetings
- Sign up for Christmas Dinner pot luck
- And, **we Need an Organizer for the Christmas Potluck evening**: food arranger, silent auction, wrapped Christmas ornament exchange, table centrepiece contest

- **Christmas Potluck:** Will be held on **Sunday, Dec 6**, at the Hal Rogers Centre, 2025 Summit Dr from 4-8 pm
  - Wrapped ornament exchange for fun
  - Silent Auction – Bring items for bidding on
  - Table centrepiece contest
  - Everyone brings their own plates, glass and cutlery
  - Guests pay a fee to attend

- **2027 January Meeting,** Will be held on Wednesday **January 27**, at Heritage House again
  - Speaker will be Sarah Holiday, an architect designer from Urban Appeal.
  - Election and Committee Volunteer positions voted on and filled
  - Membership Renewal begins in person and online

Our Ginkgo, shortly before she drops all her leaves for the winter sleep, taken by Myles during the evening dog walk...



Remember to checkout the **Website**! Scan this with your camera or the QR app on your phone:
https://kamloopsgardenclub.com/
Some great recent articles:

- Getting Your Christmas Cactus to Bloom for the Holidays
- November in the Garden

Recipes, **Access** to previous **Newsletters**, comments, **Gardening Tips**, and the newest addition to the Website; **Garden News and Views** (check it out)**.**

Recipes

As we are heading into winter, and the Christmas season, we start baking....

Raspberry Zinger Poke Cake



Thank you to Carol Allen for contributing this easy yummy cake

- The cake mix is a 375g box of White cake mix, Betty Crocker or Duncan Hines following the box instructions.
- The jam is 1 cup of jam to match jello flavor. As I make my own jams, not sure the store bought, but 1 cup is 8 ounces
- The gelatin is an 85g box of fruit Jell-O; in this case Raspberry.

1. Bake the cake according to package directions using a 9×13-in. baking pan. (This can be made in 2- 8x8 cake pans)
2. After the cake has baked, remove from the oven and allow to cool for 30 minutes.
3. Using the handle end of a wooden spoon or a meat fork, poke cake every inch or so with the handle of wooden spoon or tines of meat fork halfway into the cake.
4. There is no set number of holes, but you want plenty of places to fill.
5. Mix the raspberry gelatin with 2 cups of hot water until dissolved. Pour the Jello evenly over the cake, trying to fill the holes as much as you can.
6. In a small bowl, microwave the raspberry preserves until easy to spread, about 30 seconds.
7. Pour the preserves over the top of the cake and spread evenly.
8. Top with Cool Whip. Sprinkle the shredded coconut over the top.
9. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours before serving.
10. Store leftovers in the refrigerator.

****A Few tips for making the Raspberry Zinger Poke Cake:**
Look for seedless raspberry jam if the seeds are a problem!
Note this cake can be made with any combination of Jello and matching Fruit Jam. Possibilities are endless.

My best Christmas memory of preparing something to leave for Santa is my mom's baking- Chocolate Treats and Shortbread Cookies:

Chocolate Treats

(no bake)



2 C sugar
1/2 C cocoa
1/2 C bitter
1/2 C milk
Boil these for 5 min, then add:
3 C oatmeal
1 C coconut
1 tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla
Mix and drop teaspoonfuls on wax paper, cool and enjoy....

Shortbread

1 C soft butter **1/2 C berry sugar** **2 C flour**	Cream butter until fluffy Add sugar gradually & work until light Add 1 3/4 C flour and gradually knead in remaining flour if necessary. When dough begins to crack when kneaded no more flour should be added. Roll out balls to about 1/4" thick, cut your shapes or use cookie cutters Bake 300 deg. for 30-35 min

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NOTES:

- For everyone's comfort the meetings and events are Scent-free, thank you.
- Treasurer Reports, Meeting Reports, Garden Tours and other club business are emailed to members
- Please park and display your pink parking pass even if the Permitted Heritage House parking area is full

- **SPEAKERS: Let us know your interests- What do you want to learn about? What would you want to see more of from guests?**

If you have someone in mind who would like to share their passion, knowledge, expertise...Please email Carol, at cwozencroft@gmail.com or 250-319-5451. Please tell anyone who might like to speak at our meetings that we pay them $100 for a ½ to ¾ hour presentation. We can provide a laptop & projector if necessary.

GARDEN TOURS: Roni Sue has works hard to beg, borrow, steal, repeat, and solicit where ever she can to visit gardens throughout the summer!
If you need these introduction cards, send an email, Kiera or Myles will get them to you, please see us at the meeting! These have been responsible for us being able to see some new gardens!

Let Roni Sue know at thekamloopsgardenclub@gmail.com!

Tours are usually about an hour, we ask nothing from the homeowner except to let us enjoy, and **are usually a Thursday evening, beginning at 7 pm,** but we can accommodate change.



MEMBERSHIP

Thank you and welcome to all the new members! We are over 85 members now, and that's fantastic!

We appreciate your ongoing support and understanding as we work to maintain the quality of our club's programming. Fees are $20 per person/year for membership.
Becoming a member of the **Kamloops Garden Club gives you**:

- **A supportive community** of gardeners who enjoy sharing knowledge, plants, and inspiration
- Summer **garden tours** throughout the city

- **Participation in club activities**, including garden tours, workshops, special events, hands-on learning opportunities, wreath-making, and our annual potluck Christmas dinner

- **Monthly meetings** with engaging speakers and practical gardening topics, held on the **4th Wednesday of the month** (no meetings in July, August, or December, which holds the Christmas potluck dinner instead)

- **The *Weed All About Us* newsletter**, emailed monthly before the monthly meeting to current members with club news, event updates, and seasonal gardening tips

- **Garden centre discounts** at participating local retailers when you show your membership card

•**Voting rights** on initiatives that shape club projects and goals

•**Opportunities to get involved**, including joining the Executive Team by volunteering for a Director position

Whether you're new to gardening or have years of experience, you'll find a warm, welcoming group of people who share your enthusiasm for growing, learning, and connecting.

Annual membership: $20 per person.
Non-member meeting drop-in: $5.

Membership runs on a **calendar year, January to December.**
*** **RENEWALS ARE DUE IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH OF THE NEW YEAR.*** To keep our records current and accurate, **a membership form must be completed each year** along with your annual fee. Please have your Vehicle Licence Plate number ready. As of January, this can be done through our Website, under Membership, with an E-Transfer. Parking passes and other paperwork will still have to be picked up in person at a meeting.

HELPFUL AND INFORMATIVE SITES

Public emergency preparation and recovery
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/preparedbc

Creating a Kamloops Xeriscape: https://www.kamloops.ca/sites/default/files/brochure-createxeriscape.pdf

Kamloops Noxious weeds & Invasive plants:
https://www.kamloops.ca/our-community/environment-sustainability/healthy-landscapes/integrated-pest-management/noxious

BC INVASIVES: https://bcinvasives.ca/take-action/identify/

FIRESMART For your home and property: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prepare/firesmart and https://firesmartbc.ca/

KAMLOOPS FIRE ZONE Prohibitions and Restrictions:
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/fire-bans-and-restrictions/kamloops-fire-centre-bans

Kamloops Garden Club CONTACT INFORMATION

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Kamloops Garden **Club Facebook Page**
https://www.facebook.com/KamloopsGardenClub

Kamloops Garden Club **GROUP Facebook Page**
https://www.facebook.com/groups/2602102930005297 (this is the one to share to)

Kamloops Garden Club **Website** *https://kamloopsgardenclub.com/* (also looking for input, pictures, ideas, articles, recipes...)

Our Email: thekamloopsgardenclub@gmail.com (questions, comments, suggestions...)

Current Board of Directors & Volunteer Spots / Committees

• **President**	• Carol Wozencroft	• **Speakers**	• Carol W
• **Vice Pres**	• Roni Sue Coulter	• **Garden Tours**	• Roni Sue C
• **Secretary**	• Cheri Witwiki	• **Sign in Desk**	• Annie T & Joyce R
• **Treasurer**	• Lorna McMillan	• **Door Greeter**	• **Need Volunteer- 630 pm- for November**
• **Membership**	• Myles Huble	• **Coffee**	• Donna M & Shirley B
• **Facilities Liaison**	• Dianne Smith	• **Snacks**	• **Nov**: Roz & Chris H
• **Member at Large**	• Carol Allen	• **Flower Show and Tea**	• Volunteers + Lead
• **Website**	• Dianne Smith	• **Annual Flower Sale**	• Volunteers + Lead
• **Social Media**	• Kiera McLellan	• **Wreath Workshop**	• Jude Kneale
• **Newsletter**	• Kiera McLellan	• **Potluck Dinner Food Planning**	• Sally O
• **Past President**	•	• **Potluck Dinner setup and take down**	• Volunteers





SEE YOU AT PARKVIEW CENTRE AT 500 MACDONALD AVE FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING!!!

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